

## **Air Force Mission Areas**

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Global vigilance, global reach and global power dominate in all we do

The Air Force operates under three mission areas: global vigilance, global reach and global power. All career fields, all of our missions and sorties, all of our Airmen fall underneath at least one of those important areas every day.

It's easy to understand this once we dissect what it is we do every day. Did you know that the Air Force flies about 430 daily sorties in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom? Of those daily sorties, consider the following:

- About 16 of those sorties are for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and 12 are unmanned aerial vehicles (Global Hawk and Predator), each providing **global vigilance**.
- We track satellites from 55 countries, with 560 satellite over-flights providing space situational awareness, another form of **global vigilance**.
- There is one Air Mobility Command departure somewhere around the globe every 90 seconds, providing a **global reach** never seen in any previous era.
- There are at least 275 airlift sorties a day with 2,500 passengers, 1,000 tons worth of supplies and 58 offloads within the AOR, another form of **global reach**.
- There are, in a single day, 100 strike, electronic warfare and non-traditional ISR sorties flown in the AOR, as well as seven special operations and search and rescue sorties in the AOR, providing **global power**.

Whether Airmen are deployed and directly involved operationally with these missions or if they are providing support for them back at home station, each person wearing the Air Force uniform plays a vital and important role in those mission areas. Because of your efforts, America's Air Force is global and expeditionary. We provide vigilance – seeing anywhere, anytime. We provide reach – we're the fastest anywhere for anything that HAS to be there. And we provide power --stealthy with lethal accuracy.

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